

# EXPLO Systems Inc

## Camp Minden, Webster Parish, LA



Magazine Explosion –  
Oct. 2012



Improper storage of M6 Propellant –  
Nov. 2012

Pam Phillips, Deputy Division Director  
Paige Delgado, On Scene Coordinator  
**EPA Region 6 Superfund Division**

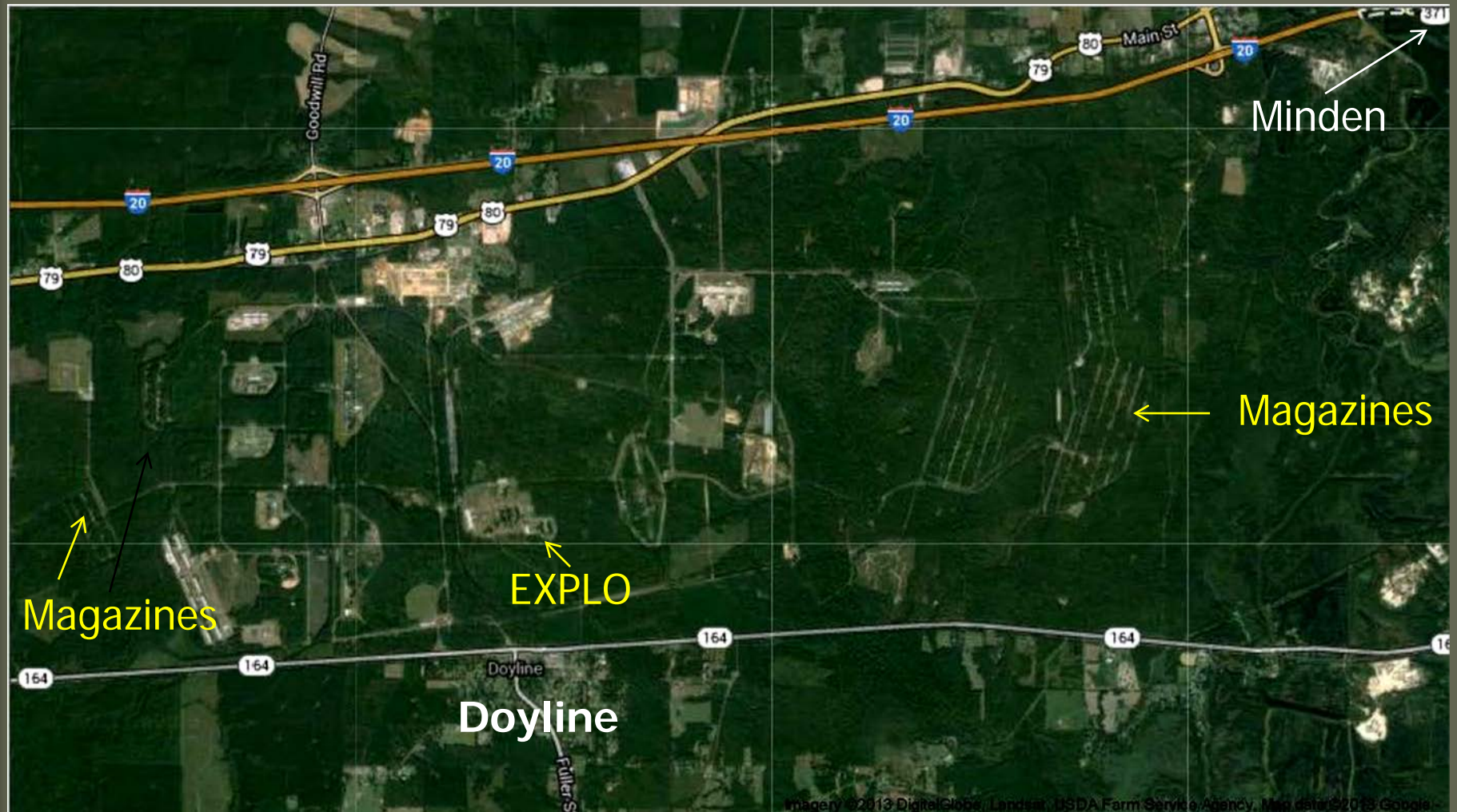
Friday, November 14, 2013



9579385



# ISSUE: 18M lbs of explosive materials in 98 filled magazines





# Entities Involved

## Potentially Responsible Parties:

- Explo Systems, Incorporated – Operator
- DOD/ARMY – Generator
- Louisiana Military Department (LMD) – Owner
- General Dynamics – Generator
- Alliant (ATK) – Generator

## Coordinating Agencies:

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)
- Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ)
- Louisiana State Police (LSP)

**NOTE: Army has provided technical assistance**



# Timeline & Completed Actions

- **January 2005:** DOD transferred property to LMD after an NPL Clean Up for groundwater contaminated by Red Water
- **March 2010:** EXPLO was demilitarizing explosives for DOD
- **October 2012:** Magazine explodes. LSP/EPA/LDEQ/ATF respond
- **November 2012:** LSP/LMD initiated relocation of unsecured explosives from EXPLO Systems to magazines at Camp Minden
- **Feb 2013:** LMD/LA Governor's Office request for transportation & storage of explosives to Secretary of Defense was denied
- **April & May 2013:** DOD ESB conducted safety assessments



# Timeline & Completed Actions

- **May 2013:** LSP/LMD completed relocation of ~10 million lbs. of explosives into magazines at Camp Minden
- **August 2013:**
  - ATF revoked EXPLO's explosives license
  - EXPLO filed for Bankruptcy
  - EPA identified 3 M lbs. of M6 in Camden, AR
  - EPA issues AOC/SOW to PRPs
- **September 2013:** 18 M lbs. of explosives transferred from EXPLO to LMD
- **November 2013:** EPA Issues General Notice Letter to DOD/Army



# What's Been Done:

- LSP, LMD, LDEQ, EPA, & ATF – close coordination
- 10 M lbs. improperly stored explosives relocated to magazines



## Next Steps:

- EPA to negotiate AOC or pursue enforcement with PRPs and participating agencies to address hazardous substances and explosives
- ERB report dictates removal of explosives within 24 months???





[illegible]

**Discussion and Questions:**

**MINDEN** →

**Magazines**

**EXPLO**

**DOYLE LINE**

**DRAFT**

7

**Discussion and Questions:**

**MINDEN** →

**Magazines**

**EXPLO**

**DOYLE LINE**

**DRAFT**

7

**Discussion and Questions:**

**MINDEN** →

**Magazines**

**EXPLO**

**DOYLE LINE**

**DRAFT**

7

**Discussion and Questions:**

**MINDEN** →

**Magazines**

**EXPLO**

**DOYLE LINE**

**DRAFT**

7

**Discussion and Questions:**

**MINDEN** →

**Magazines**

**EXPLO**

**DOYLE LINE**

**DRAFT**

7

**Discussion and Questions:**

**MINDEN** →

**Magazines**

**EXPLO**

**DOYLE LINE**

**DRAFT**

7